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SUBJECT: EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING, DEC. 16-18, 1974

1. SUMMARY: A FULL DAY WAS DEVOTED TO A FIRST JOINT SESSION WITH THE MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN IN THE AREAS OF SOCIAL POLICY, EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION (SEPTTEL).

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES AGREED TO EVALUATE USEFULNESS OF OECD EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO MAKE PROPOSALS AT THE JOINT EDUCATION/CERI PROGRAMMING GROUP MEETING TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 1975. THE COMMITTEE APPROVED EXTENSION OF SECRETARIAT WORK ON ADULT EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS AND THE CONVENING OF A JOINT EDUCATION/MSA AD-HOC GROUP TO REVIEW THE OPTIONS OPEN TO YOUTH BEYOND COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

IN OTHER ACTION, THE COMMITTEE REVIEWED NORWAY'S NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES IN ENGLAND AND WALES. END SUMMARY.

2. PROGRESS REPORT - ED(74)9.

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IN ORAL STATEMENT GASS TOLD COMMITTEE THAT IN VIEW OF

NEW PRIORITY AREAS, E.G. INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE, A SLOWDOWN IN OTHER OECD ACTIVITIES WAS INEVITABLE. FOR THIS REASON, THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THE ROLE AND VALUE OF OECD EDUCATION ACTIVITIES. FURTHERMORE, BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS, CUTS IN 1974 AND NEW CUTS IN 1975, PRIORITIES IN EDUCATIONAL AREA SHOULD BE WELL DEFINED.

HE REMINDED COMMITTEE THAT ITS MANDATE, AS WELL AS CERIS, EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 1976, AND THAT FURTHER CONSIDERATION BY BOTH BODIES OF THE FUTURE OF OECD EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES WAS REQUIRED BEFORE PROPOSAL CAN BE MADE TO THE COUNCIL. GASS ASKED THAT MEMBER COUNTRIES EVALUATE VALUE TO THEM OF PAST WORK AND PREPARE TO MAKE PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS AT FEBRUARY JOINT EDUCATION/CERI PROGRAMMING GROUP MEETING, WHICH COMMITTEE AGREED TO DO. SWEDISH DEL NOTED THAT OECD SUCCESS IN EDUCATION OWED VERY MUCH TO CERI AND ASKED SECRETARIAT TO EXPLORE WHETHER, IN FUTURE, CENTER SHOULD BE CONVERTED INTO A SOCIAL INNOVATION CENTER ENCOMPASSING EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL POLICY ISSUES.

3. CONFERENCE ON TEACHER POLICY - ED(74)25.

AFTER HEARING STATEMENT ON CONFERENCE ON TEACHER POLICIES, COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THE WORKING GROUP RESPONSIBLE FOR CONFERENCE PREPARATION SHOULD MEET MARCH 6-7, 1975 TO REVISE THE CONFERENCE CONCLUSIONS AND DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR FOLLOW-UP WORK. THESE PROPOSALS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

4. EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS AND INDICATORS - SME/CA/74.100

COMMITTEE APPROVED WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE WP DEVELOP INTERNATIONALLY COMPARABLE ADULT EDUCATION STATISTICS. THE WG IS TO MEET MAY 6-7, 1975.

5. WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY: EDUCATIONAL IMPLICATIONS - ED(74)26.

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THE COMMITTEE TOOK NOTE OF SECRETARIAT PAPER ON EDUCATIONAL ISSUES POSED BY THE CHANGING ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY AND SOCIETY AT LARGE. IT AGREED TO RESUME DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING ON BASIS OF A REVISED DOCUMENT SETTING OUT PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER WORK ON SOME ASPECTS OF THESE PROBLEMS, AND IN COOPERATION WITH THE MSAC WORKING PARTY ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE ECONOMY.

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6. OPTIONS BEYOND COMPULSORY EDUCATION - ED(74)14.

BECAUSE OF DOCUMENT'S LATE DISTRIBUTION, COMMITTEE DECIDED TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF THE PROBLEM OF OPPORTUNITIES OPENED TO THE 16-19 AGE GROUP. A REVISED VERSION OF THE DOCUMENT WILL INCLUDE PROBLEM OF ENTRY INTO WORKING LIFE. THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT A JOINT EDUCATION/MSAC GROUP SHOULD BE CONVENED IN THIS AREA.

7. PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION - ED(74)27.

POSTPONED TO NEXT MEETING.

8. REVIEW OF EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES - ENGLAND AND WALES - ED(74)23.
TO BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.

9. REVIEW OF NATIONAL POLICIES FOR EDUCATION - NORWAY - ED(74)6 AND 21.
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10. SCHEDULE OF EDUCATION MEETINGS:

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CERI GOVERNING BOARD; FEB. 25-26

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